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LOOKING AT WAYS TO IMPROVE DOWNTOWN

Elba Merchants Association organized

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

Some local merchants met Tuesday morning to discuss ways of improving the downtown area, as well as, other business areas of Elba.

The purpose of the newly formed Elba Merchants Association is to develop ways of making Elba businesses more attractive and accessible to the public in an effort to keep the commerce in Elba.

At the beginning of Tuesday's meeting, the question was, "What can we do to get the people to do more shopping in downtown Elba instead of going to other cities?" But soon, the merchants agreed that the question was one that all businesses in Elba needed to find the answer(s). And, they decided that it was something that needs to be done together.

"This association is a part of the chamber," said Kaye Whitworth, director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "And, I want you to know that the chamber is ready to do whatever it needs to make this effort work."

As the association chairpersons, Janice Bell and Jimmy Harrison, explained the idea behind the merchant's association to the business owners in attendance, they opened the floor for any suggestions of ways to keep the business in town.

"Just putting on new faces and making it look good isn't going to make people shop downtown," said Bell. "We've got to come up with things we can do on a yearly basis to get people in our stores and create business."

She suggested that the downtown business look at doing things together such as sidewalk sales, sponsoring events on the square, advertising mailouts, or mystery

puzzles (where customers have to visit the various stores around the square and find pieces of a puzzle to try and solve it).

Harrison added that the revitalization in which the merchants association wants to bring to the businesses could work alongside the PA (Positive Attitude) Campaign that the chamber of commerce is soon to implement. After all, the goal of the chamber's campaign and the mission of the merchants association is simply to get people excited about business in Elba.

"We're trying and need to create enthusiasm among our chamber members and business owners," he said. "We can't sit around and wait for the business to come in our stores anymore."

On that note, Kenneth Calhoun, who's business is on the square, asked the other merchants present whether they thought the idea of closing on Wednesday afternoon was still good business attitude for the future of the city.

"I've been here nine years and just started closing on Wednesday afternoons," he said. "But, that's because there is no traffic."

Calhoun said he believes if the businesses want to be competitive with businesses outside of Elba, they have to look at more hours.

"I think we are missing a lot of business on Wednesday," said Bell. "I think closing is something that we started a long time back and we continued it through the years, but I'm not sure it's a good idea anymore."

Tom Maddox, who also has a business on the square, said adjusting hours would be something that everyone would have to work together in unity to make work, but coordinating hours together would be hard to do.

"I would like to see us have a downtown clean-up day," said Whitworth.

She said people aren't going to want to shop an area that is dirty looking and has stuff crowding the area and making it hard to get around. Therefore, she said she will plan to go before the city council at its next meeting to see what they can do about asking the businesses to take time and clean-up around their area some.

On a suggestion by Harrison, she said she also will plan to talk with the county commission about keeping the area around the courthouse in a more presentable state.

"I'll tell the council and commission that we are working to do a better job with these things, and we want to ask them to make the same commitment," Whitworth said.

At this point, the next step for the Elba Merchants Association is for merchants to take time during the next week to make a list of ideas for keeping business in town. The association will meet again next Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 8 a.m. at Pearl's Deli and discuss the various ideas. They will then work towards implementation of the ideas and reach their goal of creating enthusiasm about business not just on the square but throughout Elba. All business owners in Elba are encouraged to attend Tuesday's meeting and help the Elba Merchants Association create a successful story of improving business for each other and the city.

"The key to this idea is whatever we say we are going to do... We need to do it," Bell said.

And, those present at Tuesday's meeting seemed to agree that the time has arrived to not just talk about what needs to be done, but to actually do something about it.

New Brockton council approves paving project

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council probably set a record for the shortest meeting Monday evening taking about 12 minutes to "zip" through the eleven-item agenda.

However, one major decision made by council members was to resurface a majority of the town's streets.

In earlier meetings, the council had approved a street resurfacing project which will be funded by a \$100,000.00 grant from the state. Along with the base bid several alternates were submitted as "add-ons" (other streets) to the project. After reviewing the bids, the council elected to go ahead with the paving of all the streets included in the base bid and also the ones selected as alternates.

The streets included in the base bid are: Brock, Caldwell, Church, Clay, Grant, Dawkins, Langston, Metcalf, Raney, Ross, Row Bridge Road, Sawyer, Sparks, Tili Alley, Tyler, Watkins SW, and Youngblood. The cost of resurfacing these streets is \$95,486.00.

Alternate streets set for resurfacing include N. Lee (\$3,787.50), Morton (\$4,132.00), Farz (\$2,183.00), Adams (\$2,183.00), Watkins NW (\$1,403.00), Knight (\$1,559.00), and Martin Luther King (\$7,094.00). The total cost of the resurfacing project will be \$117,827.50. (Total base bid of \$95,486.00 plus a total bid for the seven alternate streets of \$22,341.50).

Mayor Britt Lee said the town would probably have to borrow the money to complete the project but quickly added that it would be very worthwhile to do so. It was noted

that the prices for doing the alternate were less than they would have been if they weren't "tacked on" to the base bid. The paving contractor could do the job "cheaper" since all the equipment would already be on-site.

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D.M. English retires as chairman of the board at National Security

After serving in numerous and various capacities among the National Security companies since 1947, D.M. (Dud) English has retired from his position as Chairman of the Board.

English was an original incorporator, director and founding shareholder and officer of National Security Insurance Company in 1947, and most recently was Chairman of the Board of Directors to National Security Group, Inc., having assumed that position at its inception in 1990.

National Security honored English with a resolution commending him in "recognition of (his) many years of dedication and unselfish devotion to the benefit and well-being of National Security Group, Inc., its policyholders, shareholders, and associates."



D.M. "Dud" English



FRED'S GRAND OPENING...Bright and early last Friday morning, Fred's Super Dollar Store officially opened its doors with an "official ribbon cutting ceremony." The celebration was attended by several of Fred's "higher-ups" who assisted the local store management and employees with the festivities. Several local officials and beauty queens joined Fred's staff in cutting the ribbon. Pictured above are the participants. They are (l-r): front row - Earl Taylor, Victor Saig, Harold Stringer, Dawn Austin, Elba Mayor James E. Grimes, Lisa Flint, Junior Miss Elba Shay Johnson; Miss Elba Leslie Stinson; Little Miss Elba Courtney Parrish; Future Little Miss Elba Nikki Fuller; Billy Moody, Dawn Birge, and Betty Shubert; back row - Heather Watkins, Michelle Harrison, Cathy Palmore, Renethia Singletary, Doris Matthews, Mike Parker, Cynthia Dean, Melissa Jackson, Denise Burk, George Overby, and Herby McCall.

BOTH HELPED ELBA DURING RECENT FLOODS

Woodmen & Red Cross form alliance

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Woodmen of the World/Omaha Woodmen Life Insurance Society and the American Red Cross have formed a unique relationship designed to provide disaster relief to people and communities throughout the nation.

On June 22, Woodmen National President John G. Bookout formally signed the partnership agreement and presented a \$100,000.00 check as the first installment of a \$500,000.00 donation to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund that will be made over the next five years.

"We are delighted with this partnership with the American Red Cross," said Bookout. "The Red Cross is going to mean a lot to Woodmen and I hope Woodmen will mean a lot to the Red Cross over the coming years."

John Clizbe, vice president of Disaster Services at the American Red Cross, who was in Omaha for the signing of the agreement, said the \$500,000 donation to the Disaster Relief Fund would help make it possible for the Red Cross to respond wherever they are needed.

"One of the challenges we have faced in the American Red Cross is developing the resources we need to respond to disasters," said Clizbe. "Our Disaster Relief Fund makes it possible for us to respond nationwide any time and any place to deliver the same quality of services."

Area Happenings

SCHOOL START ANNOUNCED. Elba City Schools will begin classes on Tuesday, Aug. 10th. Students will attend classes for 1/2 day. Buses will run regular routes. Breakfast will be served on Tuesday. Classes will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Wednesday will be the first full day of school.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, August 9, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

BOOKS-BUY-MAIL. Cross Trails Regional Library Service's new Summer 1999 Books-By-Mail catalog is ready for delivery to any rural resident of Coffee County. Any citizen of Coffee County who does not live within the city limits of Elba or Enterprise can receive books-by-mail. Postage is paid both ways by Cross Trails; the only expense to the patron is the cost of contacting Cross Trails to be put on the mailing list. To receive the service and the new catalog, write Cross Trails at P.O. Box Drawer 770, Opp, AL 36467, or telephone (334)493-9526.

felt that such a project would further Woodmen's commitment to fostering fraternalism and dedication to its members and their communities.

Involvement in disaster relief is not new to Woodmen members. In many parts of the country, lodges are already actively involved in disaster relief efforts, many times working side-by-side with Red Cross volunteers.

Many times when disaster strikes, Woodmen members from surrounding communities and states are on the scene with equipment, supplies and manpower to help those in need.

During the floods of 1994 and 1998 in Elba, Woodmen sent in a 5,000-gallon water tanker to provide safe drinking water to area residents. Also, Woodmen from the state of Georgia sent in truckloads of supplies during both floods.

In other Woodmen areas, portable generators and other equipment can be delivered to disaster sites and distributed in neighborhoods to enable residents to keep their refrigerators and freezers running.

When Joseph Cullen Root founded Woodmen in 1890, there were very few public agencies to provide help for people and communities in times of need. It was an era when people came together to help one another. As a fraternal benefit society, Woodmen offered members both insurance protection and the opportunity to work together to help others.

It was in that spirit of fraternalism that Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross in 1881, relying on dedicated volunteers to provide services to people in need.

Now, more than a century after Woodmen and the American Red Cross were founded, the two organizations have joined forces to form a unique partnership designed to provide disaster relief to people and communities throughout the nation.

Linda and Chip Westbrook, Field Representatives for Woodmen of the World Lodge 1932 in Elba, are looking forward to participating in this most worthwhile project.

"There is no greater feeling than that which one gets when he or she has helped their fellow members and most especially during a time of great need," said the Westbrooks.

The effort began as a result of a strategic plan suggestion for a National Fraternal Project. It was

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

It is back to school time again and we again urge our readers to watch carefully. We don't do a very good job of writing about people hurt or killed with automobiles... especially when the victim is a child, and most especially when it is the great children we have here in Coffee County.

"Bill Clinton was abused as a child." That is the excuse the wife of our president reportedly gave last week to a magazine reporter. Ho-hum. We do agree in part with Hillary... Bill Clinton has a weakness that is not under control. However, to say that his efforts to please both his mother and his grandmother (if that really happened) is the cause of all his skirt-chasing is hogwash-period. But on the other hand, maybe we should get Dr. Hillary or some professional with like thoughts to examine us and issue some similar profound excuse for our shortcomings. You see, in 1943, at a very young age, we lost our dad in a railroad accident. There were two younger sisters and another born 27 days later. Using the First Lady's logic, we have all kinds of excuses for the many weaknesses in our life, including the seemingly uncontrollable urge to over indulge at the dinner table. Hey, don't knock it. Bill Clinton's desire to "please" all these ladies he has reportedly attacked has even flimsier excuses.

There was tragic news for two Dothan families Sunday. Each lost a daughter to a crazy fool with a gun. What prompted someone to kill those teenagers and stuff them into the trunk of their own car is still unknown, but terrible by any measure. We are unable to put ourselves into the mind of, and think like, anyone who would do such a thing. By all reports these girls were the type we will be depending on to keep this country great and even move it back upward a notch or two. Now our only hope is that others will step up to fill their very large shoes.

One of the daily papers carried an article Tuesday with a headline questioning "How do we keep our children safe?" Good question - but sorry there are no guarantees... anywhere. No guarantees for your children or mine. In fact, no guarantee for you or me. Just look what happened in Atlanta last week with those folks just going about their daily activities and a deranged man opens fire... they died or were wounded simply because they were there when the gun was fired. Of course, there are certain basic things we should all do to prevent undue exposure to such dangers, but again there are no sure fire guarantees. We will not preach a sermon here, but will note that never, never have we heard about or read in the Bible that God guaranteed any one of us a tragedy-free life on this earth. Those girls died with a good reputation for their families to remember them by... we can only try to do the same.

The U.S. Congress and House of Representatives are both busy playing politics with our tax dollars. Right now the projections are that there is a surplus of tax funds pouring into Washington. The Republicans want to give huge tax cuts (some across the board to everyone and others to special interest friends of politically powerful lawmakers). The Democrats have their own agenda, and a large part of that is spend, spend, spend. Yet the Democrats are talking about paying more of the extra money on the national debt. All this is politics as usual. Our idea is a bit different and too simple to be realistic in the Washington arena. This time we lean more to the Democrat ideas of cutting down drastically on the huge national debt. But a tax cut would also be nice (we always like those things). It would be so simple to lower the very lowest tax bracket to 14% from the present 15%... maybe do some adjustments on the old age medical programs, etc. and put the rest on the national debt. This particular income tax cut would help every taxpayer in America who pays any income tax at all. It would not favor the rich, nor the poor. Regardless of the level of your income, that first amount of income is taxed at the same 15% for everyone and dropping it one, or even two points, would be simple, easy and above all, fair. But remember, that doesn't convert into big campaign donations, so forget it, folks.

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EKCO Housewares announces
the recall of utility lighters

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), EKCO Housewares Inc., of Franklin Park, Ill., is recalling about 333,000 utility lighters. These lighters can ignite in the trigger area when the trigger is pulled, creating a risk of fire and burn hazard.

EKCO Housewares, Inc. received four reports of these lighters flaring up during use, causing minor burns to consumers. The lighters are made of plastic and have a white plastic base, red plastic handle with a black plastic trigger and on/off switch, and a metal barrel. "GAS TORCH" is imprinted on the barrel. A yellow label is affixed to the handle and reads in part, "DANGER: EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE. MADE IN CHINA."

The lighters were packaged in cardboard display sleeves under the brand name EKCO. The package lists either item number 58046 or 15387.

Mass merchandise, hardware and grocery stores sold the lighters nationwide from January 1997 through June 1999 for about \$3.

Consumers should stop using the recalled lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. Alternatively, consumers can obtain a refund, plus postage, by mailing either the package card or white plastic base of the lighter to EKCO Housewares at 9234 West Belmont Ave., West Belmont, Ave.,

Franklin Park, IL 60131. Attention: Customer Service Department. Consumers should throw the body of the lighter in the trash. It should not be incinerated or punctured. For more information about this recall, consumers should call EKCO Housewares at (800) 964-9687 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday.

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B. CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

The use of corporal punishment should follow the use of other corrective measures which have failed to improve student behavior. Prior to the administration of corporal punishment, the student shall be given an opportunity to explain his/her actions. When corporal punishment is required, it shall be administered with care, tact, and caution by the principal or teacher according to board policy. A second member of the professional staff shall be present to serve as witness and shall be informed of the reasons for the punishment prior to it being administered. Corporal punishment shall not be administered in the visual presence of students.

All cases of corporal punishment shall be documented by the person administering the punishment. Included in this documentation should be written explanation of the reasons for the corporal punishment and the name of the witness.

Corporal punishment shall not be administered in the presence of visitors. No teacher is allowed to administer corporal punishment for another teacher.

C. OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

A student may be placed on out-of-school suspension by the principal. This disciplinary measure is the removal of a student from school for violation of school policies, rules or regulations, or for otherwise causing interference with or disruption of the orderly operation of the school. Situations which might dictate out-of-school suspension include: 1) procedure for expulsion of student being exercised; 2) presence of student poses an immediate and continuing threat to him/herself, others, and or school property; 3) violation of school regulations. Procedures for out-of-school suspension will be enacted in accordance with Board policy.

D. IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION PROGRAM (ISS)

The Elba City School In-School Suspension Program consists of a supervised detention area during the school day. This provides for an alternative school setting away from and separate from the regular classroom and student body. Students may be assigned to this program on either a short term (3 days) or term (5 days) basis. Students assigned to ISS will not be allowed to associate with the student body during the period of time they are assigned to this program nor participate in sports, cheerleading, band or any other school activity, nor are they to go on school related trips or outings. Bathroom breaks and lunch breaks will be scheduled at a time that does not conflict with other breaks or lunch periods. Students will be under the constant supervision of the ISS supervisor.

Students will be required to complete all assignments from the regular classroom teachers during the time they are confined to the ISS program. The assignments, reports, tests, etc., will be graded by the regular classroom teacher.

Students will not be allowed to talk, confer, walk around, attend assemblies, sleep, use the phone, or leave class while assigned to the ISS room. While a student is assigned to ISS he/she may not drive on campus.

The length of time assigned to the ISS may be extended for any student that fails to abide by or adhere to established ISS rules.

All students assigned to the ISS program will be assigned by the principal or assistant principal for reasons as stated in the Code of Conduct Guidelines given below:

Classification of Violations

Violations of the Code are divided into three classes: Class I - Minor, Class II - Major, and Class III - Terminal. Each classification is followed by a disciplinary procedure to be followed by the principal or his designee.

In the following classes of violations and disciplinary procedures, it is understood that the student will be provided with due process before any disciplinary action is taken.

CLASS I - MINOR OFFENSE

- 1.01 **Distraction of other students** - any behavior that alters the teaching process of the classroom or educational activity.
- 1.02 **Quarreling, minor harassment.**
- 1.03 **Use of profane or obscene language.**
- 1.04 **Non-conformity to dress code** - any dress that is disruptive to the educational setting or is a hazard to the health or safety of the student.
- 1.05 **Minor misbehavior on a school bus.**
- 1.06 **Inappropriate public display of affection.**

- 1.07 **Gum chewing.**
- 1.08 **Eating or drinking in unauthorized areas.**
- 1.09 **Locker abuse, incidental defacement, littering of school property.**
- 1.10 **Possession of radios, tape players, cards, electronic games, etc. without written administrative approval.**
- 1.11 **Sitting in parked vehicle** after arriving at school or returning to vehicle during the school day without permission.
- 1.12 **Tardies** - Procedures will be followed as outlined under "Tardies."
- 1.13 **Minor physical conflicts** - (ex: pushing, shoving) which stops when directed to do so. (It should be understood that the principal or his designee shall investigate all fights and make appropriate decisions concerning the roles of each participant).
- 1.14 **Disrespectful behavior** - or, failure to follow specific instructions or school policies, disobedience.
- 1.15 **Any other violation** which in the discretion of the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after consideration or extenuating circumstances.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR CLASS I OFFENSES

First offense: In-school conference, disciplinary action by teacher and parental contact when warranted.

Second Offense: Parental contact when warranted and disciplinary action by the teacher.

Subsequent Offenses: Corporal punishment, refer to Administrative Office, In-School suspension.

CLASS II MAJOR OFFENSE

- 2.01 **Illegal organizations** - any attempt to use the school day for activities that are not school related or school sponsored.
- 2.02 **Gambling** - any participation in games of chance for money and/or other things of value.
- 2.03 **Defiance of School Board employee's authority** - any verbal or non-verbal refusal to comply with lawful direction or order of a School Board employee.
- 2.04 **Possession or use of tobacco products on campus** - possess on the person, in the locker, or in the effects of a student.
- 2.05 **Vandalism** - intentional and deliberate action resulting in injury or damage of less than \$50 to public property or the real or personal property of another.
- 2.06 **Stealing, larceny, petty theft** - the intentional unlawful taking or carrying away of property valued at less than \$25 belonging to or in the possession or custody of another.
- 2.07 **Possession of stolen property** with the knowledge that it is stolen.
- 2.08 **Threats, extortion** - verbal or written or printed communication maliciously threatening an injury to the person, property or reputation of another.
- 2.09 **Trespassing** - willfully entering or remaining in any school property without being authorized licensed or invited; or after having been authorized, licensed, or invited, refusing to depart when warned by an authorized person to do so.
- 2.10 **Possession and/or igniting fireworks or firecrackers.**
- 2.11 **Unjustified activation of a fire alarm system or fire extinguisher.**
- 2.12 **Written or verbal proposition to engage in sexual acts.**
- 2.13 **Use of obscene behavior** (verbal, written, gesture) toward another person.
- 2.14 **Use of possession of obscene and/or pornographic materials**
- 2.15 **Directing obscene or profane language to a School Board employee.**
- 2.16 **Leaving class or campus without written permission.**
- 2.17 **Refusal to give name or intentionally giving false information to authorized person.**
- 2.18 **Cheating.**
- 2.19 **Misuse of lunch ticket.**
- 2.20 **Truancy** - absence from school, without principal and/or parental or legal guardian approval.
- 2.21 **Speeding** (exceeding campus speed limit) or reckless driving.
- 2.22 **Any other violation** which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after consideration of extenuating circumstances.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR CLASS II OFFENSES

First Offense: In-School Suspension, 3 days.

Second Offense: Suspension, 3 days.

Third Offense: Suspension pending Administrative Hearing

*Indicates the offense which may be reported to the designated law enforcement agency using - the appropriate administrative procedure.

CLASS III - SERIOUS/TERMINAL

- 3.01 **Fighting** - See No-Fight Policy on Page 15.
- 3.02 **The use, possession, or sale of** - any narcotics, illegal drugs, other controlled substances or alcoholic beverages on campus during school sponsored function or off-campus if the off-campus conduct has a direct and immediate effect on the discipline or general welfare of the school.
- 3.03 **Arson** - the willful and malicious burning of any part of School Board property.
- 3.04 **Battery** - upon a School board employee against his/her will, or the intentional causing of bodily harm to a School Board employee.
- 3.05 **Robbery** - the taking of money or other property which may be the subject of larceny from the person or custody of another by force, violence, assault, or by instilling the fear of same.
- 3.06 **Stealing, larceny, grand theft** - The intentional unlawful taking and/or carrying away of property valued at \$25 or more belonging to or in the possession or custody of another.
- 3.07 **Burglary of school property** - entering or remaining in a structure or conveyance with the intent to commit an offense therein during the hours the premises are closed to the public.
- 3.08 **Criminal mischief** - willful and malicious injury or damages to or in the excess of \$50 to public property or to real or personal property belonging to another.
- 3.09 **Possession of fire arms** - any firearm (including a starter gun) which will, or is designed to, or may be readily, converted to expel a projectile.
- 3.10 **Unauthorized discharge of a pistol, rifle, shotgun, airgun or any device or any other weapon, instrument, or object.**
- 3.11 **Possession of weapon** - knife, metallic knuckles, tear gas guns, chemical weapon or device, or any other instrument or object with the intent to be used as a weapon.
- 3.12 **Bomb threats** - any such communication which has the effect of interrupting the educational environment.
- 3.13 **Explosions** - possessing, preparing or igniting on School Board property explosives likely to cause bodily injury or property damage.
- 3.14 **Sexual acts** - acts of a sexual nature including, but not limited to battery, intercourse, attempted rape, or rape.
- 3.15 **Aggravated battery** intentionally causing great bodily harm, disability or permanent disfigurement, or the use of a deadly weapon.
- 3.16 **Inciting or participating in a major student disorder** - leading, encouraging or assisting in major disruptions which result in destruction or damage of private or public property or personal injury to participants or others.
- 3.17 **Indecent exposure** - intentional explicit exposure of private parts, "mooning" etc.
- 3.18 **Assaults or threats directed toward a School Board employee.**
- 3.19 **Any other offense** which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR CLASS III OFFENSES

1. Suspension with consideration of possible recommendation of expulsion by principal as authorized by procedures.
2. Notification and referral to Superintendent of Education for action.
3. Notification of law enforcement authorities by the principal.

SCHOOL OPENING SCHEDULE

AUGUST 9 - Teacher Institute/In-service - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
AUGUST 10 - first day for all students - (trial schedule) 7:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - 1/2 day mock schedule, breakfast only/no lunch, buses will run regular routes.
AUGUST 11 - 1st full day for all students - 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Breakfast/lunch served, buses will run regular routes.
September 6 - Labor Day
December 20 - January 2 - Christmas holidays
March 27 - March 31 - AEA holidays
May 19 - last day of school for students

COMMUNITY NEWS



4-H DISTRICT ROUNDUP. 4-H'ers from Coffee County competed against youth from 10 other counties at District Roundup held at Troy State University. Those competing were: (front left to right) Weston Odom; Daniel Kelley, New Brockton; William Bond, New Brockton; Gary Henderson, New Brockton; Mark Windham, New Brockton; (2nd row left to right) Heather Carroll, New Brockton; Kala Seay, Kinston; Jeannie Goodwin, Enterprise; Leslie Allison, Enterprise; Kristin Taylor, Enterprise; Erica Lewis, Zion Chapel; Angela Hughes, 4-H agent.

Summer safety tips for teens

Sandra Coffey
County Extension Coordinator

For most people, summer is usually a time of fun and relaxation. And for many teens, summer may be also a time for earning a little extra spending cash. They eagerly anticipate that first paycheck and give little thought to potential dangers a summer job may have.

Most jobs for teens are safe and provide worthwhile experiences. However, this is not always the case. Annually more than 200,000 teens are injured every year in job-related accidents. Often these accidents are fatal. While federal job safety laws and child safety laws cover these young workers, enforcement of those laws provides only so much help.

To help combat the issue of safety for teen workers, the Department of Labor has produced a publication, "Employer's Pocket Guide To Teen Worker Safety." This guide helps employers better understand child labor laws and gives advice for preparing teens who have no prior work experience. A similar publication produced by the

National Consumers League (202/835-3323), "Parents' Primer: When Your Teen Works," helps parents set guidelines for their working teens. To ensure a safe and profitable summer job, your teen should:

*Attend safety training if offered. Tell the supervisor the first time he asks you to perform a task that this is a new task and ask for clear instructions. Say "NO" to unreasonable requests, such as riding in the back of an open truck or getting on top of a roof.

As the parent of a teen worker, be sure you:

*Talk with your teen regularly about their job. Keep alert to danger signals, such as working late hours or working unsupervised.

Employers of teens should:

*Take the time to show the teen how to do the job safely and correctly. Continue to check on the teen. Instruct the teen when they should wear protective clothing and gear. Set a good example by maintaining a safe work environment. He sure teens understand emergency procedures for all situations they may encounter.

Cook healthy and tasty foods on the grill

Susan Taylor
Extension Agent/NEP

Why go to all the trouble of picking out the leanest meat in the market only to go home, fry it and add the fat you're trying to avoid? Why not grill meat instead?

Grilling is an easy way to enjoy a variety of foods. It's also a low-fat cooking method because grilling allows the fat to drip away as the meat cooks.

There are a few important things

to remember when grilling. Trim any visible fat from the meat before cooking it. This reduces the total fat by nearly 50 percent.

The size of the portion is just as important as the fat content. The Food Guide Pyramid recommends 5 to 7 ounces from the meat group each day. This can be broken down into two, 3-ounce portions about the size of a deck of cards.

Add flavor to meats by using rubs and marinades. Rubs are blends of dried herbs and spices that flavor the exterior of meat as it cooks. Marinades, made with herbs, spices and an acidic liquid such as wine, vinegar or lemon juice, enhance the flavor of meats.

Meats aren't the only foods you can cook on the grill. Summer produce offers bold flavors and colors to meals and is perfect for grilling. Season chopped vegetables, such as zucchini, bell peppers and eggplant, with basil, parsley, onion and garlic. Wrap vegetables in foil covered with cooking spray and grill 10-15 minutes.

Small cuts of meat should be cooked directly over the heat sources and should be turned periodically to cook evenly. Thicker, larger cuts of meat should be cooked over indirect heat. Bank coals around the edge of the fire grate and center the drip pan in the middle. Place the meat on the grill over the pan, cover it and let it roast.

Most foods cook fast on the grill. Burgers made with lean meat cook in about 10 minutes. Pork chops, chicken breasts and fish steaks cook in less than 15 minutes. When meat and poultry juices run clear, or fish flakes easily, they're done. For juicy meat, look for a hint of pink in the middle.



4-H TEAM LOUISVILLE BOUND! The Coffee County 4-H Livestock Judging Team placed 1st at the state contest held in Huntsville. As a result of this placing the team will represent Alabama at the North American International Stock Show held in Louisville, Kentucky in November of 1999. From left are: Stan Windham, County Agent; Rachel Carroll, New Brockton; LeAnn Griffin, New Brockton; Al Schieffer, New Brockton; and Matt Windham, New Brockton.



4-H STATE CONGRESS. After winning district competitions, youth are eligible to go on to the state. The 4-H state competitions were held in Huntsville. From Coffee County (kneeling left to right): Josh Motley, Enterprise; Matt Windham, New Brockton; (seated left to right): Katy Roberts, New Brockton; Sarah Maddox, Zion Chapel; Leslie Allison, Enterprise; Rachel Carroll, New Brockton; (standing left to right): Kristal Keller, Enterprise; Al Schieffer, New Brockton; Devin Kelley, New Brockton; LeAnn Griffin, New Brockton; Angela Hughes, county agent; Shawn Howell, Enterprise; Ashley Green, New Brockton; Justin Hughes, New Brockton; Kendall Amis, Enterprise; Jeffrey Campbell, New Brockton; Stan Windham, county agent.

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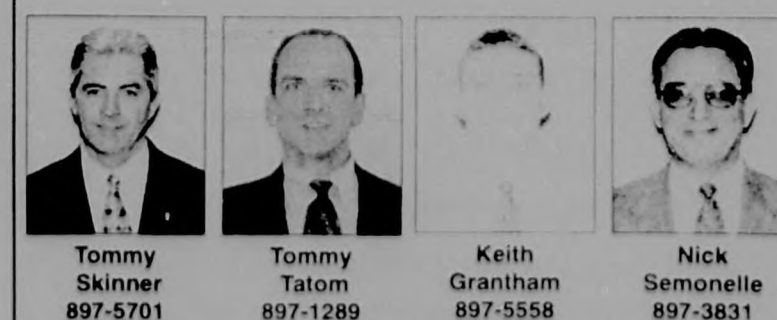
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Even A Life Gone To Seed Can Harvest Fruit

Dear Mr. Ross: How does one begin to unfold the horrifying loss of a life gone to seed? My brother will be released from prison in 3 months, having served his 12 year sentence. Upon release, he has no where to go, except back to a life of drugs and the awful people who sell that junk. I'm an elementary school teacher and single. My life is simple. I enjoy gardening, reading and spending time with my 2 cats. Against my mother's wishes, I've extended an offer for my brother to live with me until he gets a job and can afford a place of his own. My landlady isn't too crazy about the idea, but I told her my brother would be responsible for keeping up the yard and light maintenance around the house (this is a double bungalow).

My salary is small and I hate the idea of charging clothing for my brother on my credit card. I'll allow him to use my car while I'm at school so he can look for a job. Would you think poorly of me if I asked you for \$400? I'm a proud person, but even proud people need a hand sometimes.

Miss H. K. ... *Tribune Chronicle*, Warren, OH

Dear Mr. A.: To be brutally honest, no-do not encourage people in foreign countries to write me in their native language. First off, I would not be able to read the request. And second, given my present economy, I can't help everyone who writes me now from the good of USA and Canada. For me to extend my philanthropy to foreign countries would seriously jeopardize the amount I'm able to help people within America where I made my money and am committed to spending it.

Dear Mr. Ross: We wonder whether you would be interested in hearing from people in other countries for whom a very small contribution would go a long way. For example, we have a friend in Vietnam who recently lost his home in a fire and whose wife was hospitalized with severe leg burns. Should we tell people like that about your generosity and urge them to write to you (perhaps even in their own language) and explain their circumstances?

Mr. M. A. ... *The Ledger*, Lakeland, FL

Dear Miss K.: You are taking a considerable risk. I'm not saying you shouldn't do it, just that I hope you do so with your eyes wide open. The \$400 I'm sending will purchase suitable clothing for your brother. And I truly hope his adjustment to society goes well for his sake, as well as your own.

Dear Readers: By now all the graduations have taken place and most of the parties held. I think this year more than any, I received a rash of requests for class rings, year books, pictures, proms, parties, anything associated with graduating.

Write Percy Ross, c/o the Elba Clipper, P.O. Box 39000-B, Minneapolis, MN 55439. Include your phone number. All letters are read. Only a few are answered in this column; others may be acknowledged privately.

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The use of corporal punishment should follow the use of other corrective measures which have failed to improve student behavior. Prior to the administration of corporal punishment, the student shall be given an opportunity to explain his/her actions. When corporal punishment is required, it shall be administered with care, tact, and caution by the principal or teacher according to board policy. A second member of the professional staff shall be present to serve as witness and shall be informed of the reasons for the punishment prior to it being administered. Corporal punishment shall not be administered in the visual presence of students.

All cases of corporal punishment shall be documented by the person administering the punishment. Included in this documentation should be written explanation of the reasons for the corporal punishment and the name of the witness.

Corporal punishment shall not be administered in the presence of visitors. No teacher is allowed to administer corporal punishment for another teacher.

C. OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

A student may be placed on out-of-school suspension by the principal. This disciplinary measure is the removal of a student from school for violation of school policies, rules or regulations, or for otherwise causing interference with or disruption of the orderly operation of the school. Situations which might dictate out-of-school suspension include: 1) procedure for expulsion of student being exercised, 2) presence of student poses an immediate and continuing threat to him/herself, others, and to school property; 3) violation of school regulations. Procedures for out-of-school suspension will be enacted in accordance with Board policy.

D. IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION PROGRAM (ISS)

The Elba City School In-School Suspension Program consists of a supervised detention area during the school day. This provides for an alternative school setting away from and separate from the regular classroom and student body. Students may be assigned to this program on either a short term (3 days) or term (5 days) basis. Students assigned to ISS will not be allowed to associate with the student body during the period of time they are assigned to this program nor participate in sports, cheerleading, band or any other school activity, nor are they to go on school related trips or outings. Bathroom breaks and lunch breaks will be scheduled at a time that does not conflict with other breaks or lunch periods. Students will be under the constant supervision of the ISS supervisor. Students will be required to complete all assignments from the regular classroom teachers during the time they are confined to the ISS program. The assignments, reports, tests, etc., will be graded by the regular classroom teacher.

Students will not be allowed to talk, confer, walk around, attend assemblies, sleep, use the phone, or leave class while assigned to the ISS room. While a student is assigned to ISS he/she may not drive on campus.

The length of time assigned to the ISS may be extended for any student that fails to abide by or adhere to established ISS rules.

All students assigned to the ISS program will be assigned by the principal or assistant principal for reasons as stated in the Code of Conduct Guidelines given below:

Classification of Violations

Violations of the Code are divided into three classes: Class I - Minor, Class II - Major, and Class III - Terminal. Each classification is followed by a disciplinary procedure to be followed by the principal or his designee.

In the following classes of violations and disciplinary procedures, it is understood that the student will be provided with due process before any disciplinary action is taken.

CLASS I - MINOR OFFENSE

- 1.01 **Distraction of other students** - any behavior that alters the teaching process of the classroom or educational activity.
- 1.02 **Quarreling, minor harassment.**
- 1.03 **Use of profane or obscene language.**
- 1.04 **Non-conformity to dress code** - any dress that is disruptive to the educational setting or is a hazard to the health or safety of the student.
- 1.05 **Minor misbehavior on a school bus.**
- 1.06 **Inappropriate public display of affection.**

CLASS II - MAJOR OFFENSE

- 1.07 Gum chewing.
- 1.08 Eating or drinking in unauthorized areas.
- 1.09 Locker abuse, incidental defacement, littering of school property.
- 1.10 Possession of radios, tape players, cards, electronic games, etc. without written administrative approval.
- 1.11 Sitting in parked vehicle after arriving at school or returning to vehicle during the school day without permission.
- 1.12 Tardies - Procedures will be followed as outlined under "Tardies."
- 1.13 Minor physical conflicts - (ex. pushing, shoving) which stops when directed to do so. (It should be understood that the principal or his designee shall investigate all fights and make appropriate decisions concerning the roles of each participant).
- 1.14 Disrespectful behavior - or, failure to follow specific instructions or school policies, disobedience.
- 1.15 Any other violation which in the discretion of the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after consideration of extenuating circumstances.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR CLASS I OFFENSES

- First offense:** In-school conference, disciplinary action by teacher and parental contact when warranted.
- Second offense:** Parental contact when warranted and disciplinary action by the teacher.
- Subsequent Offenses:** Corporal punishment, refer to Administrative Office, In-School suspension.

CLASS II MAJOR OFFENSE

- 2.01 **Illegal organizations** - any attempt to use the school day for activities that are not school related or school sponsored.
- 2.02 **Gambling** - any participation in games of chance for money and/or other things of value.
- 2.03 **Defiance of School Board employee's authority** - any verbal or non-verbal refusal to comply with lawful direction or order of a School Board employee.
- 2.04 **Possession or use of tobacco products on campus** - possess on the person, in the locker, or in the effects of a student.
- 2.05 **Vandalism** - intentional and deliberate action resulting in injury or damage of less than \$50 to public property or the real or personal property of another.
- 2.06 **Stealing, larceny, petty theft** - the intentional unlawful taking or carrying away of property valued at less than \$25 belonging to or in the possession or custody of another.
- 2.07 **Possession of stolen property with the knowledge that it is stolen.** "mooning" etc.
- 2.08 **Threats, extortion** - verbal or written or printed communication maliciously threatening an injury to the person, property or reputation of another.
- 2.09 **Trespassing** - willfully entering or remaining in any school property without being authorized licensed or invited; or after having been authorized, licensed, or invited, refusing to depart when warned by an authorized person to do so.
- 2.10 **Possession and/or igniting fireworks or firecrackers.**
- 2.11 **Unjustified activation of a fire alarm system or fire extinguisher.**
- 2.12 **Written or verbal proposition to engage in sexual acts.**
- 2.13 **Use of obscene behavior** (verbal, written, gesture) toward another person.
- 2.14 **Use of possession of obscene and/or pornographic materials**
- 2.15 **Directing obscene or profane language to a School Board employee**
- 2.16 **Leaving class or campus** without written permission.
- 2.17 **Refusal to give name or intentionally giving false information to authorized person.**
- 2.18 **Cheating.**
- 2.19 **Misuse of lunch ticket.**
- 2.20 **Truancy** - absence from school, without principal and/or parental or legal guardian approval.
- 2.21 **Speeding** (exceeding campus speed limit) or reckless driving.
- 2.22 **Any other violation** which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after consideration of extenuating circumstances.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR CLASS II OFFENSES

- First Offense:** In-School Suspension, 3 days.
- Second Offense:** Suspension, 3 days.
- Third Offense:** Suspension pending Administrative Hearing

*Indicates the offense which may be reported to the designated law enforcement agency using - the appropriate administrative procedure.

CLASS III - SERIOUS/TERMINAL

- 3.01 **Fighting** - See No-Fight Policy on Page 15.
- 3.02 **The use, possession, or sale** - of any narcotics, illegal drugs, other controlled substances or alcoholic beverages on campus during school sponsored function or off-campus if the off-campus conduct has a direct and immediate effect on the discipline or general welfare of the school.
- 3.03 **Arson** - the willful and malicious burning of any part of School Board property.
- 3.04 **Battery** - upon a School Board employee against his/her will, or the intentional causing of bodily harm to a School Board employee.
- 3.05 **Robbery** - the taking of money or other property which may be the subject of larceny from the person or custody of another by force, violence, assault, or by instilling the fear of same.
- 3.06 **Stealing, larceny, grand theft** - The intentional unlawful taking and/or carrying away of property valued at \$25 or more belonging to or in the possession or custody of another.
- 3.07 **Burglary of school property** - entering or remaining in a structure or conveyance with the intent to commit an offense therein during the hours the premises are closed to the public.
- 3.08 **Criminal mischief** - willful and malicious injury or damages at or in the excess of \$50 to public property or to real or personal property belonging to another.
- 3.09 **Possession of fire arms** - any firearm (including a starter gun) which will, or is designed to, or may be readily, converted to expel a projectile.
- 3.10 **Unauthorized discharge of a pistol, rifle, shotgun, airgun or any device or any other weapon, instrument, or object.**
- 3.11 **Possession of weapon** - knife, metallic knuckles, tear gas guns, chemical weapon or device, or any other instrument or object with the intent to be used as a weapon.
- 3.12 **Bomb threats** - any such communication which has the effect of interrupting the educational environment.
- 3.13 **Explosions** - possessing, preparing or igniting on School Board property explosives likely to cause bodily injury or property damage.
- 3.14 **Sexual acts** - acts of a sexual nature including, but not limited to battery, intercourse, attempted rape, or rape.
- 3.15 **Aggravated battery** intentionally causing great bodily harm, disability or permanent disfigurement, or the use of a deadly weapon.
- 3.16 **Inciting or participating in a major student disorder** - leading, encouraging or assisting in major disruptions which result in destruction or damage of private or public property or personal injury to participants or others.
- 3.17 **Indecent exposure** - intentional explicit exposure of private parts, "mooning" etc.
- 3.18 **Assaults or threats directed toward a School Board employee.**
- 3.19 **Any other offense** which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR CLASS III OFFENSES

1. Suspension with consideration of possible recommendation of expulsion by principal as authorized by procedures.
2. Notification and referral to Superintendent of Education for action.
3. Notification of law enforcement authorities by the principal.

SCHOOL OPENING SCHEDULE

- AUGUST 9** - Teacher Institute/In-service - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- AUGUST 10** - first day for all students - (trial schedule) 7:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - 1/2 day mock schedule, break fast only/ no lunch, buses will run regular routes
- AUGUST 11** - 1st full day for all students - 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Breakfast/lunch served, buses will run regular routes.
- September 6** - Labor Day
- December 20 - January 2** - Christmas holidays
- March 27 - March 31** - AEA holidays
- May 19** - last day of school for students

COMMUNITY NEWS

Summer safety tips for teens

Sandra Coffey
County Extension Coordinator

For most people, summer is usually a time of fun and relaxation. And for many teens, summer may be also be a time of earning a little extra spending cash. They eagerly anticipate that first paycheck and give little thought to potential dangers a summer job may have.

Most jobs for teens are safe and provide worthwhile experiences. However, this is not always the case. Annually more than 200,000 teens are injured every year in job-related accidents. Often these accidents are fatal. While federal job safety laws and child safety laws cover these young workers, enforcement of those laws provides only so much help.

To help combat the issue of safety for teen workers, the Department of Labor has produced a publication, "Employer's Pocket Guide To Teen Worker Safety." This guide helps employers better understand child labor laws and gives advice for preparing teens who have no prior work experience. A similar publication produced by the

National Consumers League (202/835-3323), "Parents' Primer: When Your Teen Works," helps parents set guidelines for their working teens. To ensure a safe and profitable summer job, your teen should:

*Attend safety training if offered. Tell the supervisor the first time he asks you to perform a task that this is a new task and ask for clear instructions. Say "NO" to unreasonable requests, such as riding in the back of an open truck or getting on top of a roof.

As the parent of a teen worker, be sure you:

*Talk with your teen regularly about their job. Keep alert to danger signals, such as working late hours or working unsupervised.

Employers of teens should:

*Take the time to show the teen how to do the job safely and correctly. Continue to check on the teen. Instruct the teen when they should wear protective clothing and gear. Set a good example by maintaining a safe work environment. He sure teens understand emergency procedures for all situations they may encounter.

Cook healthy and tasty foods on the grill

Susan Taylor
Extension Agent/NEP

Why go to all the trouble of picking out the best meat for the grill when you can get it done for you? The fat you're trying to avoid? Why not grill meat instead?

Grilling is an easy way to enjoy a variety of foods. It's also a low-fat cooking method because grilling allows the fat to drip away as the meat cooks.

There are a few important things to remember when grilling. Trim any visible fat from the meat before cooking it. This reduces the total fat by nearly 50 percent.

The size of the portion is just as important as the fat content. The Food Guide Pyramid recommends 5 to 7 ounces from the meat group each day. This can be broken down into two, 3-ounce portions about the size of a deck of cards.

Add flavor to meats by using rubs and marinades. Rubs are blends of dried herbs and spices that flavor the exterior of meat as it cooks. Marinades, made with herbs, spices and an acidic liquid such as a wine vinegar or lemon juice, enhance the flavor of meats.

Meats aren't the only foods you can cook on the grill. Summer produce offers bold flavors and colors to meals and is perfect for grilling. Season chopped vegetables, such as zucchini, bell peppers and eggplant, with basil, parsley, onion and garlic. Wrap vegetables in foil covered with cooking spray and grill 10-15 minutes.

Small cuts of meat should be cooked directly over the heat sources and should be turned periodically to cook evenly. Thicker, larger cuts of meat should be cooked over indirect heat.

Bank coals around the edge of the fire grate and center the drip pan in the middle. Place the meat on the grill over the pan, cover it and let it roast.

Most foods cook fast on the grill. Burgers made with lean meat cook in about 10 minutes. Pork chops, chicken breasts and fish steaks cook in less than 15 minutes. When meat and poultry juices run clear, or fish flakes easily, they're done. For juicy meat, look for a hint of pink in the middle.

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4-H DISTRICT ROUNDUP. 4-H'ers from Coffee County competed against youth from 10 other counties at District Roundup held at Troy State University. Those competing were: (front left to right) Weston Odum; Daniel Kelley, New Brockton; William Bond, New Brockton; Gary Henderson, New Brockton; Mark Windham, New Brockton; (2nd row left to right) Heather Carroll, New Brockton; Kala Sney, Kinston; Jeannie Goodwin, Enterprise; Leslie Allison, Enterprise; Kristin Taylor, Enterprise; Erica Lewis, Zion Chapel; Angela Hughes, 4-H agent.

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Even A Life Gone To Seed Can Harvest Fruit

Dear Mr. Ross: How does one begin to unfold the horrifying facts of a life gone to seed? My brother will be released from prison in 3 months, having served his 12 year sentence. Upon release, he has no where to go, except back to a life of drugs and the awful people who sell that junk.

I'm an elementary school teacher and single. My life is simple. I enjoy gardening, reading and spending time with my 2 cats. Against my mother's wishes, I've extended an offer for my brother to live with me until he gets a job and can afford a place of his own. My landlady isn't too crazy about the idea, but I told her my brother would be responsible for keeping up the yard and light maintenance around the house (this is a double bungalow).

My salary is small and I hate the idea of charging clothing for my brother on my credit card. I'll allow him to use my car while I'm at school so he can look for a job. Would you think poorly of me if I asked you for \$400? I'm a proud person, but even proud people need a hand sometimes.

Miss H. K. ... Tribune Chronicle, Warren, OH

Dear Miss K.: You are taking a considerable risk. I'm not saying you shouldn't do it, just that I hope you do so with your eyes wide open.

The \$400 I'm sending will purchase suitable clothing for your brother. And I truly hope his adjustment to society goes well for his sake, as well as your own.

Dear Readers: By now all the graduations have taken place and most of the parties held. I think this year more than any, I received a rash of requests for class rings, year books, pictures, proms, parties, anything associated with graduating.

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4-H TEAM LOUISVILLE BOUND! The Coffee County 4-H Livestock Judging Team placed 1st at the state contest held in Huntsville. As a result of this placing the team will represent Alabama at the North American International Stock Show held in Louisville, Kentucky in November of 1999. From left are: Stan Windham, County Agent; Rachel Carroll, New Brockton; LeAnn Griffin, New Brockton; Al Schieffer, New Brockton; and Matt Windham, New Brockton.



4-H STATE CONGRESS. After winning district competitions, youth are eligible to go on to the state. The 4-H state competitions were held in Huntsville. From Coffee County (kneeling left to right): Josh Motley, Enterprise; Matt Windham, New Brockton; (seated left to right): Katy Roberts, New Brockton; Sarah Maddox, Zion Chapel; Leslie Allison, Enterprise; Rachel Carroll, New Brockton; (standing left to right): Kristal Keller, Enterprise; Al Schieffer, New Brockton; Devin Kelley, New Brockton; LeAnn Griffin, New Brockton; Angela Hughes, county agent; Shawn Howell, Enterprise; Ashley Green, New Brockton; Justin Hughes, New Brockton; Kendall Ames, Enterprise; Jeffrey Campbell, New Brockton; Stan Windham, county agent.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Notice to Elba Elementary School Students beginning school

• All students attending Elba Elementary School should have a book bag. It is recommended but not required that students in grades four through six have a mesh book bag.

• Jump Start for kindergarten students will be held August 3 through August 5. Jump Start will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. each day. Students will receive a snack during this time, however, breakfast and lunch will not be served. Students are asked to bring supplies from the included supply list.

• School will begin for all students on August 10 at 7:50 a.m. August 10th will be a half day. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.



2ND PLACE TEAM AT DISTRICT! The Coffee County 4-H Junior and Senior Meats Judging Teams placed 2nd at the District contest held in Auburn. Team members are Michelle Jones, Donna Flowers, Keri Flowers, Julie Boyd, Lara Lea Beasley, Katy Roberts, Heather Carroll, Cassie Lamb, Shawn Howell, Sarah Maddox, Josh Morley, Weston Odum and Stephen Hines. Back right corner are County Agent, Stan Windham and sponsors Glenn and Nancy Jones. Glenn is a farmer in the Goodman Community, and Nancy is a loan officer at an Enterprise Bank.

Disaster Training Classes offered by Red Cross

The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering Disaster Training for the citizens of Coffee County and surrounding area. The classes will be conducted at the Coffee County Chapter offices in the Civic Center at 711 Crawford St., Enterprise. The classes to be offered are:

INTRODUCTION TO DISASTER SERVICES - Aug. 3 from 6-9 p.m.

This video-based course will introduce you to disasters, the community response, and the role of Red Cross Disaster Services. We will give you a behind-the-scenes look at the impact of disasters on people and their communities. You will meet the people who serve in time of disaster, including Red Cross paid and volunteer staff, and see how they work together to meet the needs of people affected by disasters.

MASS CARE - AN OVERVIEW - Aug. 10 from 6-9 p.m.

This course focuses on the activities of the Mass Care function in the disaster. You will learn about Sheltering, Preparing Food, Mobile feeding and Bulk Distribution, and how you can help with Mass Care in your local Red Cross Chapter.

INTRODUCTION TO DISASTER SERVICES is a prerequisite for MASS CARE.

Please call your Coffee County Red Cross Chapter at 347-2461 to register. All Disaster classes are free.



CPSC. Shopko Stores Inc. announce recall of infant garments

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Shopko Stores Inc. of Green Bay, Wis., is recalling approximately 68,000 girls' creepers were made in various pastel shades of pointelle knit fabric, with a satin bow attached to the neck and an embroidered figure, such as a butterfly or heart, below the bow.

Writing on the collar labels includes "MADE IN HONG KONG." Shopko Stores nationwide sold these garments from December 1998 to January 1999 for \$4 to \$6. Consumers should immediately stop using these garments, and return them to Shopko for a refund. For more information, call Shopko at (800) 791-7333 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday CDT, or visit the Shopko website at www.shopko.com.

These 100 percent cotton creepers were sold in sizes "0-3M" to 24M. The boys' creepers were made in solid and striped knit fabrics. The CPSC and Shopko Stores are not aware of any reports of injuries from these creepers. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

FROM THE NATION'S NEWSPAPERS
Oregon citizens now must use the bathroom

Attention summer travelers headed for Oregon: Don't substitute that nagging need for a pit stop with an empty Coke bottle instead. Truckers and travelers trying to avoid pit stops by urinating in bottles face fines if convicted of tossing those bottles out the window, reports Steve Mayes of The Oregonian. House Bill 3530, signed by Gov. John Kitzhaber, makes improper nuckle-tossing a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$250.

"In about mid-August, we could be in a major crisis here," said Mike Broussard, a state lifeguard trainer in south Orange County. Lifeguard shortages have also been reported on the East Coast.

ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 installed new officers in activities Saturday evening. The installation was followed by a hamburger supper for family and friends. This has been an annual, very solemn ritual in Elba, AL, since 1853. The list of former Lodge officers reads like a Who's Who throughout the history of the community. Wayne Bryan was named Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He takes over from Tommy Morrow, who has served for the past year. The impressive ceremony was conducted by Jamie Smith, of Ozark who conducts about 40 installations per year and conducts the entire 20-30 minute ritual entirely from memory and exactly according to the Masonic order of business. He was assisted by Buford Flowers of New Brockton.

Pictured above are from front, left to right, Bo Capps, Marshall, Meuloye W. Johnston, Junior Warden; Bryan, Vernon Junior Carpenter, Senior Steward; and Smith. Back row left to right are Herbert G. Winters, Senior Warden; David Macon, Tyler; Eric Cox, Senior Deacon; Tommy Morrow, Junior Deacon; Harry Young, Secretary; Flowers and Joel L. Koon, Chaplain.

Not pictured are Mike Thomas, Historian; Thomas Michael Young, Junior Steward and Clifford Farmer, Treasurer.

First Korean Church to hold "English Speaking Revival"

First Korean Baptist Church of Enterprise will hold its "English Speaking Revival" on Aug. 6 and 7. Services will be at 7 p.m. on Aug. 6 and 7 and at 11 a.m. on Aug. 8. Dr. J. Michael Bates, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Newington, Ct. will be preaching. "The Bradys" will be performing Saturday night only. Childcare will be provided for ages five and under. The church is located on Rucker Blvd. at the Ft. Rucker-Enterprise Gate. Everyone is invited.

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LBW students, front row, left to right: Suzanne Rhoades, Kinston; Shea Free, Elba; Keri Gwaltney, Opp; back row, Jamie Hall, Zion Chapel; and Lance Jackson, Opp.

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COUNTY COMPUTER SYSTEM READY FOR Y2K

Commission's meeting routine

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission's bi-monthly meeting Monday morning was brief and precise dealing with bid openings and general business.

Commissioners resolved old business by opening two packets of bids, one on the repair of a bulldozer undercarriage and the other on a new bulldozer.

Thompson Tractor of Dothan was the low bidder on the undercarriage repair at \$13,995.00. In their bid, they specified five working days were needed for the work to be completed.

The awarding of the bid for the new dozer took a little longer to resolve. After the only two bids received were reviewed by the county engineer, Randy Trindle, commissioners awarded the bid to Flint Equipment of Troy. Their bid of \$97,800.00 was not low; however, it was the only bid meeting the specifications of the bid.

Tindell told commissioners that the specifications not met had nothing to do with the equipment but with the warranty. He explained that the county's bid specifications called for a one-year full warranty to include the cost of service calls and travel time on all warranty work.

Thompson's (the low bidder at \$94,211.00) warranty was for only six months with a charge for service calls and travel time within that same time period.

Both bids contained a sixty-month lease/purchase plan with Thompson's monthly payment being \$1,822.83 and Flint's \$1,902.21.

A brief discussion by commissioners finally resulted in the awarding of the bid but there was a long pause before a motion was made by Commissioner Linda Westbrook and seconded by Commissioner Tom Grimsley to make the award. Commissioner Doug Dalrymple abstained while the

remaining six commissioners approved Tindell's recommendation.

In other business from the county engineer, Tindell told commissioners that the time was drawing near for the renewal of annual bids on items such as rock, rip-wrap, asphalt, seed, fertilizer, insecticides, etc. He requested, and received, permission to send out requests for these type items for the fiscal year 2000.

Tindell also requested that he be allowed to send out bids for the paving of County Roads 159, 542 and 543. Grant funds were received more than a year ago from the state to pave these roads, and Tindell explained that the projects have finally made it through the state's review process and are ready to bid. The engineer requested that the bids' opening date be set for September 1 in a special called meeting and be awarded in the September 13th commission meeting. After the commission makes the bid award, it will then have to be submitted to the State Department of Transportation for approval. Commissioners granted Tindell's request.

Commissioners rescinded a motion made in a previous meeting to award the bid for relocating the home of Jewel Turner to Duck Johnson House Movers after receiving notification that he had "underbid" on the project.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley told commissioners that upon notifying him (Johnson) to proceed, Johnson responded that he was going to have to withdraw his bid because he had underbid it and could not move it for \$17,000.00.

After citing their previous action on the matter, commissioners awarded the bid to Hussey House Movers for \$8,000.00.

John Brim, who represents Gemini Consultants, the provider of technical support for the county's computers, reported to commissioners that Coffee County's computer system is ready for Y2K. He told commissioners that the system was tested last weekend and passed with flying colors.

"We had a very good test," said Brim. "We had one error in the bid renewals [Probate Office] and we had that corrected within thirty minutes. That was the only software error we found."

He added that he had six PCs to fail, however, that was not surprising since they were all old - some purchased as far back as the 1990 flood.

Brim recommended that the commission consider making provisions in the upcoming budget hearings to replace these computers.

Mobley added that all of the jail's computerized equipment had been tested and it too is ready for Y2K.

Members of the commission remembered former Commissioner Damascus Crittenden who passed away on Sunday. It was noted that he served Coffee County well during his tenure on the county commission.

During the general business session, the following actions were taken or matters discussed by the commissioners:

• Commissioner Tom Grimsley reported that the two animal cages - one large and one small - had been received and are ready for use. He noted that county residents can call the commission office for information concerning the use of these cages. "It is a start in trying to eliminate some of the problems [stray animals] that are out in the county," he said.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple told members of the commission that Alabama Power Company had donated \$500 to be used toward paying for the plaque that was

Coffee County BOE signs consent decree to achieve unitary status

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The members of the Coffee County Board of Education, during a noon meeting last Thursday, agreed to sign a consent decree which hopefully will settle a lawsuit filed in 1967 to end racial segregation in Alabama's public schools.

"Although we have not been accused of anything," explained Superintendent Rodger Bowden, "A federal court order entered as a result of the Lee vs. Macon lawsuit requires all school systems to prove they have achieved 'unitary status' by eliminating all vestiges of racial discrimination."

Now that the decree has been signed by the local board, it will be sent on to the State Board of Education for their approval or disapproval, and then forwarded to U.S. District Judge Harold Albright for action in the courts. This same procedure is being followed by school systems all over the state.

The document contains procedures and policies that will be adhered to by the school system, which should, according to Bowden, "improve recruiting efforts and increase extra curricular activity participation by our black students."

The superintendent noted that the decree has been studied by himself, members of his staff and the board's attorney, Jim Weatherford, and he asked the board to approve the document which they did unanimously.

Bowden presented each member of the board with a copy of the Parent/Student Information Guide for

their review and approval. He told them that only a few minor changes and additions had been made to the guide from last year's.

Provisions of the recently legislated Family Rights and Privacy Acts have been included, clarifications to the dress code have been made, and the recently approved Promotion/Retention Policy for grades K-6 approved by the board has been included in the revised guide. Each student will be given a copy of the guide to take home for review by them and their parents.

An acknowledgement will be signed by both indicating they have read the guide, and it will be returned and placed on file.

On the beginning of the new school year, Supt. Bowden reported, "We had a great opening so far. We had a good in-service on Monday with John Osborn addressing the teachers."

"It's the first time I've been to an in-service that I didn't hear a single negative comment. It was just a great day. The teachers seem to be ready to come back to work, and it was just a very positive day."

He told board members that all principals - Zion Chapel, Kinston and New Brockton - reported they all had very smooth openings on Wednesday (August 4).

Bowden, as yet, did not have an accurate enrollment count; however, he estimated that the number of students attending county schools will be between 2,000 and 2,100.

Finally, the board approved Bowden's recommendation to employ Amy Workman as a Spanish teacher at Zion Chapel High School.



52C EXPRESS OPENS...The Zion Chapel/Jack Community has a new business - the 52C Express. The convenience store is located on the old site of Smart's Grocery across from Zion Chapel High School. A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Wednesday, August 4, to officially open the doors of the new establishment - just in time for the beginning of school. Those participating in the ceremony are pictured above. They are (l-r): Viola Flowers, Commissioner Linda Westbrook, Junior Miss Zion Chapel Kay Clark, Post Mistress Roxie Smart, Rev. Jimmy Maddox, Store Owner Mrs. Wayne Swank (seated), Deli Manager Angie Gatlin, Store Operator Scott Brown, Little Miss Zion Chapel Elba Mount, Cashier Donnie Marler, Miss Zion Chapel Tara Grant, and Zion Chapel High School Principal Richard Littleton.



SCHOOL DAYS...It was back to the books Tuesday morning for students of the Elba City Schools when the 1999-2000 school year began. However, the students were spared from getting "too much of a good thing" as school was dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday. In the picture above, Mavis Burch, a bus driver, and Allona Vaughan, an elementary teacher, help students become acquainted with which bus they will be riding throughout the school year. Despite a few jitters from the youngsters trying to make sure they got it right, they all seemed excited about the early dismissal and one more chance for an afternoon of playtime. After all, it would be back to full day status for all Elba students on Wednesday morning!

ELBA CITY COUNCIL HONORS MURRAY HARDWICK

City sharing cost in industrial

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening to share the cost of an additional 125 acres of land for the Elba Industrial Park. One half of the \$86,500 will come from the city coffers and the other half will be paid by the Elba Industrial Board. The property joins the back corner existing industrial park, off Larkin Road. The property is being purchased from Posey Kileresee Timber Co., which bought the land from the Teresa Brinson estate, cut the marketable timber and agreed to sell the property to the city.

Elba Mayor James Grimes, who put the package together with the blessings of the city council and Industrial Board, explained to council members that most of the property is usable and the balance, which is in the flood plain, could be used to accent the developed parcels by preserving and/or restoring the original wetlands and vernal pools. The mayor also noted that engineers have already drawn off 13 five acre lots, with paved roads and other improvements. If necessary, industries will be able to combine two or more of the lots and maybe use some of the lower elevations for parking and/or truck turn arounds.

The council also rescinded the acceptance of a high bid on sale of timber at the ball park. The bid had been opened and accepted before the advertised closing day for bidding.

No bids were received on a FEMA buy-out house at 852 Washington Avenue. The city will therefore tear down the house in accordance with FEMA regulations.

At the request of Police Chief R. W. Whitworth, the council voted to advertise for new pistols for the police department. All officers will then be training with and using the same weapons. Whitworth estimated that 20 new pistols will cost about \$10,000.

Walter also reported that D.A.R.E. officer Dean Blair has been elected by the Alabama D.A.R.E. Officers' Association to serve as the Alabama Southeast Region Area Representative. The election was held at the D.A.R.E. Conference in Sheffield, AL on August 5th.

Monthly bills totaling \$22,108.01 were approved for payment. These included \$4,078.97 for vehicle and equipment repairs; \$784.62 for rock purchases; \$729.00 for asphalt mix; \$1,900.10 for chemicals; \$2,700.00 as the 6 month expenses on the NCIC machine at the police department; \$928.24 annual inspection of fire extinguishers in vehicles and buildings; \$689.00 fire department equipment inspection.

The city clerk reported that the sewer project is progressing well.

The first crew is finally off of Oak Street and the accompanying sand. They are now digging in hard clay. A second crew is at work on 189 North.

Grimes reported that the June sales tax check has been received and it amounted to \$102,293.17. The mayor expressed a wish for local sales to remain high and help the city relieve the financial strain of day-to-day operations.

Mayor Grimes presented a proclamation to Sandra Hardwick, widow of the late Murray Hardwick who served for many years as bookkeeper for the City of Elba. The proclamation commended Mr. Hardwick for his years of service to Elba. Mrs. Hardwick said, "Murray loved the City of Elba and all the people. He talked about the people of Elba constantly. We thank you for all the years of friendship you gave him."

News Brief

An Opp man was killed early Saturday morning in a one-vehicle crash. Law enforcement was notified of the accident on Coffee County Road 415 near the Covington County line shortly before 5:00 a.m.

Coffee County EMS was dispatched to the scene at 5:04 a.m. Upon the arrival of law enforcement and emergency medical personnel, a Ford Bronco was found overturned with one individual thrown clear and another partially out of the vehicle. The vehicle had left the roadway overturning after colliding with a mail box mounted in brick.

Dud Mack McArt, 20, of Rural Route 3, Opp was taken by Coffee County EMS to Elba General Hospital where he died of his injuries shortly after his arrival. The other victim, a man whose identity was not known, was taken to Opp Mizell Memorial Hospital by a unit of the Opp Rescue Squad.

According to reports his injuries were not thought to be life threatening. McArt's body was taken by the Alabama Department of Forensic Science to Montgomery where an autopsy was to be performed to determine cause of death. The crash is being investigated by Alabama State Troopers Dale Cobb and David McGowan, the Coffee County Coroner's Office, and the 12 Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office. Troopers were assisted at the scene by Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies.

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